

E. E. Pescott said it was a pity that our native shrubs were not utilized more for hedges. They were infinitely superior in every respect to privet and other such introductions which most people fancied.

The president, Dr. C. S. Sutton, Mr. F. Pitcher, Mr. F. G. A. Barnard, and Mr. A. D. Hardy also spoke.

#### NATURAL HISTORY NOTE.

Mr. J. Gabriel said that he had recently exhibited a photograph of the nest of a magpie constructed on a diningroom table. A few days ago he received a photograph of the nest of a robin built on a mantelpiece.

#### BOTANICAL NOTE.

Mr. E. E. Pescott, F.L.S., drew attention to a paper contributed to the Royal Society of Victoria by Dr. R. S. Rogers, M.A., of South Australia, entitled "Notes on Certain Species of *Pterostylis*." On examination of specimens and drawings from Kew, England, Dr. Rogers determines that *Pterostylis Mackibbini*, Mueller, is identical with *P. cucullata*, Brown, and that the former name must be considered as a synonym of the latter plant. The plant that has been long known in Victoria as *P. cucullata* has been named *P. falcata* by Dr. Rogers, while its alpine variety now becomes *P. alpina*. Thus, two new species of *Pterostylis* are to be added to the Victorian list of orchids.

#### EXHIBITS.

By Miss Amy Fuller.—200 coloured drawings of South African wild-flowers, in illustration of her paper.

By Mr. F. G. A. Barnard.—Penholders made from various Mallee woods.

By Mr. J. Booth.—*Leptospermum scoparium*, R. and G. Forster, Broom Tea-tree, showing exudation of manna.

By Mr. E. E. Pescott, F.L.S.—Herbarium specimens of two new species of *Pterostylis*—*P. falcata*, R. S. Rogers, and *P. alpina*, R. S. Rogers; also *P. cucullata*, R. Brown, syn. *P. Mackibbini*, F. v. M.

By Mr. F. Pitcher.—Blossoms of four species of acacias now flowering in the Melbourne Botanic Gardens—viz., *A. Baileyana*, F. v. M., Cootamundra Wattle, *A. juniperina*, Willd., Prickly Wattle, *A. myrtifolia*, Willd., Myrtle-leaved Acacia, *A. podalyrifolia*, A. Cunningham, Mount Morgan Acacia.

By Mr. J. Searle.—*Cordylophora*; *Parartemia Zietzeana* (?); three species of Copepoda, not hitherto recorded, from Lakes Corangamite and Colac; also a living specimen of the fresh-water crab, *Hymenosoma*, sp., from Richmond.

By Mr. J. Shephard.—Rotifer, genus *Brachionus*, parasitic on *Daphnia carinata*, from Lake Colac.

After the usual conversazione the meeting terminated.